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**May 12, 2008**

**REVISION**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on May 16th, 2008, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

**Friday, May 16, 2008, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Prescott Quality Inn & Suites 4499 Highway 69, Prescott, AZ 86301.**

**Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.**

**1. Executive Session**

- a. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch vs. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Pruett v. Shroufe, 2:07-cv-01744-NVW.*

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Awards and Commissioning of Officers.**

**2. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch vs. U.S. Fish; Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; and Pruett vs. Shroufe, 2:07-cv-01744-NVW.* The Commission may vote to take action on any case.

**3. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison, State and Federal Legislation.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.

**4. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Information and Education Activities Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information and Education Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the April 2008 Commission meeting. The

Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

**5. Presenter: Jay Cook, Education Branch Chief, Information and Education Division. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the April 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

**6. Presenter: Jay Cook, Education Branch Chief, Information and Education Division. Ben Avery Shooting Facility Fee Schedule.** The Commission will be provided a recommendation for a new fee schedule for the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Ben Avery Shooting Facility Fee Schedule.

**7. Presenter: Anthony Chavez, Shooting Range Administrator. Scholastic Clay Target Program Update.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to the Scholastic Clay Target Program. The update covers program structure, participation and additional funding mechanisms. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

**8. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**9. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the April 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

**10. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. A Presentation on the Department's Efforts to Identify Crucial Wildlife Habitats and Corridors.** The Commission will be briefed on the Department's efforts to identify crucial wildlife habitats and corridors. This presentation will include updates in Wildlife Linkages, the Western Governors' Association Wildlife Corridors Initiative, the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet, and Areas of Conservation Priority. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the briefing.

**11. Presenter: Josh Avey, Chief, Habitat Branch. Request for Commission Approval to Accept the Transfer of Water Assignments from The Hopi Tribe (Hopi Tribe) located at the Cibola Valley Conservation Area in La Paz County, Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of water assignments located at the Cibola Valley Conservation Area from the Hopi Tribe to the Commission and to approve amendments to existing water delivery contracts and lease agreements with the Bureau of Reclamation.

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### ADDITIONAL ITEM

**11a. Presenter: Mike Rabe, Small Game Management Supervisor. Amendment to Commission Order 8 – Buffalo.** The Department will recommend amendments to Commission Order 8 to increase the season length for current permit holders hunting buffalo on the House Rock Wildlife Area herd. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

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### Lunch Break

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### ADDITIONAL ITEM

**11b. Presenter: Pat Barber, Regional Supervisor, Yuma Region. Kofa Bighorn Sheep Recovery and Lion Management/Research.** The Commission will discuss ongoing bighorn sheep recovery efforts on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge to include mountain lion management/research, and current environmental analysis scoping documents from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on potential lethal removal of mountain lions. The Commission may vote to take action and/or provide the Department direction on this item.

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### Presenter Change – Next 2 Items

**12. Presenter: John Romero, Acting Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Public Safety to Facilitate Cooperation in the State Fraudulent Identification Task Force.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Public Safety to facilitate cooperation in the state Fraudulent Identification Task Force.

**13. Presenter: John Romero, Acting Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Dixon, William S.	Count A: Locate wildlife (elk) from aircraft during hunt.
Smith, Cade S.	Count A: Locate wildlife (elk) from aircraft during hunt.
Lucas, Gregory J.	Count A: Shoot deer (decoy) from a roadway. Count B: Take deer (decoy) without valid permit.
Patton, Jeffrey D.	Count A: Allow use of big game tag by another.
Rummage, Charles M.	Count A: Vandalism while hunting.
Trent, Joshua A.	Count B: Vandalism while hunting.
White, Tyler J.	Count B: Vandalism while hunting.

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White, Justin N.	Count A: Vandalism while hunting.
Gosnell, Brandon C.	Count A: Vandalism while hunting.
Birmingham, Jared A.	Count A: Vandalism while hunting.
Solov, Richard L.	Count B: Possess unlawfully taken game fish (8 trout).
Anderson, Ralph E.	Count C: Take big game in excess of bag limit (bull elk).

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**15. Presenter: Chantal O'Brien, Research Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval of Federal Assistance Research Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve three new research projects funded through the existing Research Branch allocation of Federal Assistance.

**16. Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**17. Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**18. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes from April 18-19, 2008 and May 1, 2008.

**19. Future Agenda Items.**

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*The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.*

*Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.*

*During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.*

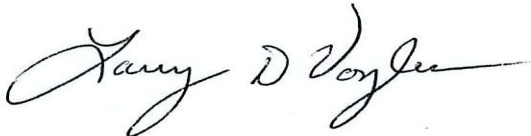
*The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).*

*One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.*

*Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the AGFD Deputy Director, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086, 602-942-3000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.*

*The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.*

*"Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow"*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry D. Voyles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Larry D. Voyles  
Director